

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000  
Public Law 106-393  
**Title II Project Submission Form**  
**Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory  
Committee**

**1. Project Number** (Assigned by Designated Federal Official): **UN-WAW05-602**

<b>2. Project Name: Reestablishing Native Plant Species on La Grande Ranger District</b>	<b>3. County:</b> Union
<b>4. Project Sponsor:</b> Arlene Blumton	<b>5. Date:</b> December 2003
<b>6. Sponsor's Phone Number:</b> 541-962-8522	
<b>7. Sponsors E-mail:</b> ablumton@fs.fed.us	

<b>8. Project Location</b>	
a. 4 <sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC #: Upper Grande Ronde River 17060104	
b. 5 <sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC # (if known): Upper Grande Ronde 1706010485, Grande Ronde River/Hilgard 1706010487, Meadow Ck 1706010486 , Catherine Crk 1706010412	
c. Location: Township <u>2,3,4,5,6</u> Range <u>33,34,35, 36</u> Township <u>4,5</u> Range <u>40,41,42</u> Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____	
d. BLM District	e. BLM Resource Area
f. National Forest <b>Wallowa-Whitman</b>	g. Forest Service District <b>La Grande Ranger District</b>
h. State / Private / Other lands involved? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:** The Native Seed Project is a continuation of a multi-partner and multi-phase effort started in 2002 with RAC support. This project proposes continued use and development of native seed on restoration projects in coordination with local producers and users located within the Grande Ronde Valley. Objectives include locating, mapping, collecting and propagation of native plant seed and materials to be used on restoration projects. Contracts to local grass producers are beginning to provide a reliable and diverse seed source. Currently, 4 grass species are well represented; the next phase includes expanding the collection of grass species to accommodate a wider range of habitats. This project is facilitating the development of reasonably priced sources of native plant materials and continues to provide local landowners with an opportunity to expand and diversify the use of their land.

**10. Project Description: .****Phase I (2002):**

- Developed a new propagation contract limited to the growers within the Grande Ronde Valley.
- Sowed with seed collected in 2000, 2001 and 2002.
- Mapped new seed collection sites and collected from these sites and those identified in 2001.
- Three of eight grass species identified for collection and propagation are under contract.
- Native grass seed was provided for the following restoration projects: McIntyre County and Dry Beaver road rehabilitation, site restoration in noxious weed infested areas, and campground restoration.
- Provided experience and training for youth groups.

**Phase II (2003)**

- Continue to identify populations and collect seed for propagation on the existing contracts.
- Continue to support restoration projects by providing native plant species.
- Strengthen the in-house education program of using native species in restoration projects by developing guidelines for application.

**Phase III (2004 – 2006)**

- Expand to include hardwoods
- Promote opportunities for local grass seed growing contracts and marketing of byproducts
- Grass seed is made available for site specific ground applications including revegetation projects such as road rehabilitation, stream restoration, reseeding wildfire areas, noxious weed prevention, soil erosion control, and wetland enhancement
- Work will be accomplished using contracts, YCC crews, volunteers, local clubs and Forest Service crews.
- Monitoring to determine application rate and species adaptability and restoration success. Determine if protection measures are needed.
- Develop an educational program for the public and local growers and expand local interest.

**11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?**

Yes  No **If yes, then describe**

Native seed is made available to private landowners, other agencies including County, State and Federal agencies.

**12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? [Sec. 203(b)(1)]**

Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]

**Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems.** [Sec. 2(b)]

**Restores and improves land health.** [Sec. 2(b)]

**Restores water quality.** [Sec. 2(b)]

<b>13. Project Type</b> (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
<input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)]	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]
<input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)]	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]	Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Reestablish Native Species</b> [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]:	

<b>14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes</b> [Sec. 203(b)(5)]	
a. <b>Rehabilitated acres =175</b> b. <b>Production acres (private landowners)=100</b> c. <b>Pounds produced=5,000-10,000</b>	b. Total Miles:
c. No. Structures:	d. Est. People Reached (for environmental education projects): 1,000
e. No. Laborer Days: <b>100 days</b>	
f. Other (specify):	

**15. Estimated Completion Date:** [Sec. 203(b)(2)]

The funding for this phase of the project will be used in October 2005.

**16. Target Species Benefited:** (if applicable) (max. 7 lines)

Reestablishment of native grasses, hardwoods, and wetland vegetation. This project indirectly benefits wildlife and fish species including deer and elk and nongame species.

**17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved?** [Sec. 2(b)(3)] Facilitate partnerships between growers, agencies, researchers and individuals in public land management.

**18. How is this project in the best public interest?** [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities.** Community involvement in restoring public lands, providing local employment opportunities, and ongoing partnerships.

**19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?** (max. 12 lines) Disturbed sites will be restored by using native vegetation and benefit soil, wildlife, and fish resources.

<b>20. Status of Project Planning</b>			
a. NEPA Complete:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
If no, give est. date of completion:			
c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
e. Survey & Manage Complete:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>X Not Applicable</b>
f. DSL/ODFW* Permits for In-stream Work Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>X Not Applicable</b>
g. DSL/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>X Not Applicable</b>
h. SHPO* Concurrence Received:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
i. Project Design(s) Completed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
* DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Dept.of Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer			

<b>21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment</b> <i>(check those that apply)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Contract</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Federal Workforce</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>County Workforce</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Volunteers</b>
<b>Other (specify):</b>	

**22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials?** [Sec. 204(e)(3)]  
 Yes       No

<b>23. Anticipated Project Costs</b> [Sec. 203(b)(3)]	
a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: <b>\$40,000 (\$43,200 includes indirect costs)</b>	
b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No    If yes, then display by fiscal year	
c. FY02 Request: \$29,250	f. FY05 Request: \$ 27,000
d. FY03 Request: \$42,750	g. FY06 Request: \$ 20,000
e. FY04 Request: \$ 32,400	

**Table 1. Project Cost Analysis**

<b>Item</b>	<i>Column A</i> <b>Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution</b> [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	<i>Column B</i> <b>Requested County Title II Contribution</b> [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	<i>Column C</i> <b>Other Contributions</b> [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	<i>Column D</i> <b>Total Available Funds</b>
24. Field Work & Site Surveys	\$8,000	\$ 3,000	\$5,000	\$16,000
25. NEPA & Sec. 7 ESA Consultation				
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering				
28. Contract Preparation	\$1,000			\$1,000
29. Contract Administration	\$4,000			\$4,000
30. Contract Cost		<b>\$20,000*</b>	\$8,000	\$28,000
31. Workforce Cost				
32. Materials & Supplies (plants and plant protection materials)		\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
33. Monitoring	\$1,000	\$ 1,000		\$2,000
34. Other				
35. Project Sub-Total	\$14,000	\$25,000	\$15,000	\$56,000
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead @ 8% (per year for multi-year projects)		\$ 2,000		
<b>37. Total Cost Estimate</b>	\$14,000	<b>\$*27,000</b>	\$15,000	\$56,000

**\*This is an indefinite quantities contract, therefore, if full funding is unavailable reduced seed amounts would be ordered.**

**38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding for Project Identified Above** [Sec. 203(b)(4)] (max. 7 lines)  
Grande Ronde Model Watershed, Federal Highway Division, BPA, National Fire Plan, Forest Service appropriated dollars

**39. Monitoring Plan** [Sec. 203(b)(6)]

**a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions?** [Sec. 203(b)(6)] (max. 7 lines)

**Who is responsible for this monitoring item?:** \_\_\_\_\_

The US Forest Service will monitor project effectiveness using photo points and County Extension and private landowners will monitor quality control of seed and plant materials produced. Photo points, observation, establishment surveys will be conducted to determine survival and growth.

**b. How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps?** [Sec. 203(b)(6)] (max. 7 lines)

**Who is responsible for this monitoring item?:** The workforce includes local contractors and

Union County private landowners. Supplies and materials are purchased locally. The Forest Service is responsible for developing contracts.

- c. What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act?** [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] (max. 7 lines)The project does not produce a product to be removed from the National Forest, however, seed production on private land will be utilized on Federal and private lands.

**Who is responsible for this monitoring item?:** US Forest Service

- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**  
(max. 7 lines)

**Amount \$2,000 \_(\$1,000 County Title II funds)**

**County Commissioner Concurrence**

(Majority Required per charter)

A majority of the county commissioners of Union County have reviewed this proposed Public Law 106-393 project for the Blue Mt. Resource Advisory Council and agree with the proposal as submitted, except for the comments noted below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Attested by Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Priority Rating:

High     Medium     Low

Comments/Rational: